



Against All Odds

Isaiah 7:10-14

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1 in 10¹⁷ is a number that reflects inconceivable odds. That is one in one hundred quadrillion (1 with 17 zeros behind it). For all practical purposes, this number describes impossible odds. However, the truth is that nothing is impossible with God.

In 734 BC, King Ahaz of Judah was up against all odds. He faced a military threat from the combined forces of Syria and the Northern Kingdom of Israel. The wicked king was full of fear, but God gave him a prophetic sign to show him that nothing was impossible with God.

In our text, Isaiah the Prophet gave King Ahaz a prophetic sign that gave hope for his day but also had a deeper, far-reaching meaning.

Main Thought...

➔ Against all odds, our future is _____ in Jesus.

1. Our _____ is the stronghold of the enemy (v. 10-12).

Ps. 27:1; Heb. 13:6 (Ps. 118:6)

2. Our _____ is the source of our hope (v. 13-14).

Job. 19:25-26; Lk. 1:37

3. Our _____ is secure in Jesus Christ (v. 15-17).

Mt. 1:20-23; Rm. 8:31-32

Final Thoughts...

➔ Are you being _____ by your fears today?

➔ Why not choose to _____ your faith in Jesus?

8 Prophecies Literally Fulfilled by Jesus:

1. The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2 - "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah... from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel..."

Matthew 2:1 - "Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea..."

2. The Messiah will be born of a virgin.

Isaiah 7:14 - "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Matthew 1:22-23 - "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall call his name Immanuel.""

3. The Messiah will enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9 - "Behold, your king is coming to you... humble and mounted on a donkey..."

Luke 19:35-37 - "They... set Jesus on it... as he rode along..."

4. The Messiah will be betrayed by a friend.

Psalms 41:9 - "Even my close friend in whom I trusted... has lifted his heel against me."

John 13:18, 26 - "He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me."

5. The Messiah will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.

Zechariah 11:12-13 - "So they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver..."

Matthew 26:14-15; 27:3 - "They paid him thirty pieces of silver..."

6. The Messiah will be silent before His accusers.

Isaiah 53:7 - "...like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth."

Matthew 27:12-14 - "He gave him no answer..."

7. The Messiah's hands and feet will be pierced.

Psalms 22:16; Isaiah 53 - "...they have pierced my hands and feet..."
"But he was pierced for our transgressions...and with his wounds we are healed."

Luke 24:39-40; John 20:25-27 - "See my hands and my feet..."
"Put your finger here..."

8. The Messiah will be raised from the dead.

Psalms 16:10 - "For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption."

Acts 2:31-32 - "He foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ... This Jesus God raised up."